

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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SAVE SURRENDER PROGRAM DEDICATORY PLAQUE

The Safe Surrender Program, based on the statewide Safe Haven Law, was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2001. The Program’s purpose is to protect newborns from being hurt or killed because of abandonment. Safe Surrender allows a parent or legal guardian to confidentially handover an infant, three days old or younger, to any hospital emergency room, fire station, or other designated Safe Surrender site. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, the person may surrender the baby without fear of arrest or prosecution for child abandonment.

Now, fourteen years after it was established in Los Angeles County, 125 newborns have been given a second chance for a happy and healthy life, thanks to the Safe Surrender Program. In recognition of this very successful program and on the occasion of the 125th newborn baby being safely surrendered, I propose dedicating in the Olive Court of Grand Park a “Garden of Life” to honor the 125 lives saved by the Safe Surrender Program.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board approve the designation of a “Garden of Life” in the Olive Court of Grand Park and a dedicatory plaque to honor the Safe Surrender Program and the lives it has saved.

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